

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated August 15, 2005. Claims 3-9 remain pending in this application. Claim 3 is now the independent claim.

Applicants note with appreciation the indication that Claims 3-9 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. Applicants have so amended Claims 3-9 and respectfully believe them to be in condition for allowance.

Applicants respectfully submit that the objection to the oath/declaration as not complying with 37 CFR 1.67(a) for failing to include all signatures, Applicants respectfully submit that the Declaration submitted on January 21, 2002 in a response to notice to file missing parts contained all three signatures. A copy of the response to file missing parts is attached hereto.

In response to the Office Action's objection to the disclosure for failing to include header sections, Applicant gratefully acknowledges the suggestion, however respectfully declines to add the headings as they are not required in accordance with MPEP §608.01(a).

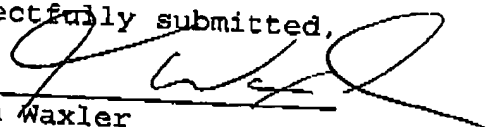
In response to the Office Action's objection to the specification for failing to include a brief description of the drawings, Applicants respectfully believe the amendment to the

specification renders the objection moot by providing a brief description of the sole figure as a separate paragraph on Page 4. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objections to the specification.

Applicants respectfully believe the cancellation of Claims 1 and 2 render the § 102(e) and § 103(a) rejections moot and request their withdrawal.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application. Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached by telephone at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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